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MAWSS reports broken sewer force main causes Sanitary Sewer Overflow

MOBILE, Alabama — Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (MAWSS) responded to a Sanitary Sewer Overflow on December 18 at 1417 Azalea Road. Approximately 5,400 gallons of wastewater overflowed into Montlimar Creek because of a broken sewer force main. Crews have made repairs and are taking steps to prevent further overflows at this location.

Dr. Bernard H. Eichold II, Health Officer for Mobile County, advises area residents to take precautions when coming into contact with any standing water that may have accumulated as a result of this overflow. Those who have come into direct contact with untreated sewage are advised to wash their hands and clothing thoroughly.

Area residents should take precautions when using Montlimar Creek for recreational purposes because of the overflow. All seafood harvested in this general area should be thoroughly cooked before eating. People should wash hands after cleaning seafood and before preparing food.